I. Welcome
   Presiding Officer: President, Holly Gruntner
   All officers and all elected departmental reps present
   22 in attendance in total

II. Public comment
   No Public Comment

III. Elections
   A. Nomination and election of GSAB Rep. for the Sciences - Felipe Ortega nominated
      Vote held: Felipe Ortega instated as GSAB Rep.
   B. Applied Sciences Rep. needed – Spenser Wood nominated by Holl
      Other nominations solicited, none put forth
      Vote held: Spenser Wood instated as Applied Sciences Rep.

IV. Photo for the website
    Screen shot of Zoom meeting taken for website

V. Officer’s reports
   A. President, Holly Gruntner
      1. Results of planning meeting
         • Discussions oriented around survey results
         • Main points from survey: access to funding, better communication from OGSR, concerns about finishing research on time, increasing isolation and anxiety, grad students feel like after thoughts in communications
         • Funding and community building/mental health were chosen as our important foci this semester, as well as DEI’s Peer Mentoring Program
      2. Updates from Dean Velleca advisory group:
         • Do we want another Town Hall?
         • NTE Non-renewals: a small number had their renewals approved (after initially being non-renewed).
      3. Union Notes:
         • Possible Socially Distanced Union Rally or Teach-In to continue discussion of NTE firings – Rally, if held, will take place in Wren Yard Friday 2/12
         • Union is encouraging Teaching Assistants to use this background to protest NTE firings and support vulnerable faculty
      4. Grad Council SA Bill update
      5. COVID-19 vaccine update
         • GSA is working on an email for information about grad student positions in vaccine allocations
         • In the meantime, go to the Virginia Department of Health website to learn more about the vaccine and register for one.
      6. Research funding update
• History, American Studies, and Anthropology students transitioning into their 6th year will be given an additional funding in light of COVID complications

A. Vice President, Tomos Evans
• Spring elections – Consider running for a GSA position

B. Treasurer, Justin Cammarota
• No treasurer’s report
• Journal Club might shift to entirely remote (TBD)
• Apply to present at JC

C. Secretary, Taylor Triplett
• Future meetings: March 8th, April 13th, May 12th

D. Parliamentarian, Zeke Wertz

E. SA Rep, Chardé Reid
• GSA needs to decide whether to support the **Grad Council SA Bill**; please read it and let Chardé know if you have thoughts (DO NOT SUGGEST EDITS IN THE DOC)
• Dean Velleca came to the last SA meetings and discussed the NTE Firings
• SA meetings are recorded, so watch them if you want details on the last meeting (or any other)
• Chardé interested in drafting a bills to procure funding for the Mentorship Program.

F. Social Chair, Phillip Emmanuel
• Good GSA turnout at coffeehouse; scheduling another one for a future Saturday.

G. GSAB Rep, Alexandra Macdonald
• Next GSAB meeting tentatively scheduled for March 20th

H. Journal Club, Justin Cammarota
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I. Department Reps
No Comment

VI. DEI Committee updates - Tomos, Phillip
• DEI met earlier this week
• The Peer to Peer Mentorship Program is progressing –
• **GSA Members should review Peer Mentorship documents.**
• Spread the word, as DEI is on track to call for mentors next week.

VII. Open floor
No Comment

VIII. Meeting adjourned

**Action Items:**
• Sending emails to health center and counseling center about grad-specific issues
• Helping with the Mentorship program (drafting an SA Bill with Chardé and/or reviewing Peer Mentorship program documents and lending a hand with launch)
• Drafting inquiries for vaccine emails
• Review Grad Council SA Bill